13 December 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Finance Officer

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: Project Director of Administration

SUBJECT

: Baird-Atomic, Inc.'s Invoice No. 5151-1

Dated 30 November 1957

- 1. Attached is Baird-Atomic Inc.'s bill for \$9,216.57. This bill is submitted for work done for which I was responsible at the request of Mr. Bissell. It was agreed that Baird's expenses should not exceed a cost of \$10,000.
- 2. Mr. Bissell approved a contract for this work as a result of a meeting attended by himself, and myself on 7 November 1957. The contract was intended to terminate on 22 November 1957.
- 3. I have no quarrel with the Per Diem rate (upon which we mutually agreed) nor the hourly rates for labor. Neither have I any disappointment with cost of direct materials (\$49). I have, however, some comments relative to time for which reimbursement is claimed. First, as noted above, Mr. Bissell did not give approval for commencement of work under the contract until 7 November 1957 although the schedule of direct labor, Per Diem and travel expenses include amounts for the month of October (\$302.69) in addition to probable work performed during the first 6 days of November. I was not aware that we were paying Baird for their expenses incurred in "selling" the idea to us. I will clarify this point with Mr. Bissell and inform you on this matter.
 - 4. Besides my general comment that their charges for direct labor are considerably higher than I anticipated, I can find no other fault with their invoice. Their schedule of direct labor notes that 15 scientists contributed time/effort to this contract. I cannot disprove that this number were not involved, but in my two trips to Boston

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for discussions with them I on no occasion had discussions with more than 6 or 7, and was not under the impression that as many people spent as many hours on this contract as shown. I make this comment not to debate the justification of their invoice but merely as a matter of record.

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ADM:aml (13 Dec 1957)

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